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DEVELOPMENT OF COAL BLOCKS BY NTPC
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) proposes to develop coal blocks in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the investments likely to be made by NTPC in such coal blocks;

(d) the estimated coal reserves in each of such blocks; and

(e) the names of the NTPC plants likely to be benefited thereby?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) to (e) : Yes, Sir. In order to achieve improved coal supply/security, National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Limited has decided to enter in coal mining and so far six coal mining blocks have been allotted to NTPC. The details of these Coal Mining Blocks along with their estimated Geological reserves and names of end-use projects are as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of the Coal Block	State	Estimated Geological Reserves (MT)	End-use projects
1	Pakri-Barwadih	Jharkhand	1436	Basket source to supplement coal availability in NTPC's existing power stations in Eastern & Northern regions
2	Chatti-Bariatu	Jharkhand	243	Barh, Stage-II, (1320 MW)
3	Kerandari	Jharkhand	228	
4	Dulanga	Orissa	260	Darlipali (3200 MW) Thermal power project
5	Talaipalli	Chhattisgarh	965	Lara (4000 MW) Thermal power project
6	Chhatrasal	Madhya Pradesh	150	Basket source to supplement coal availability in NTPC's existing power stations in Singrauli region

7	Brahmini and Chichro Patsimal	Jharkhand	1900 By a proposed 50:50 joint venture between Coal India Ltd. (CIL) and NTPC, to supplement supplies to NTPC's Farakka & Kahalgaon power stations.

These are tentative figures based on data made available to NTPC and will be firmed up only after preparation of respective Geological Reports.

The exact investment required to develop the above coal blocks is dependent on finalization of the Geological Reports (GR) and Feasibility Reports (FR).